



John Daugherty, Jr. Oklahoma City Area Director Indian Health Service

John Daugherty, Jr., a member of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma and a native of White Oak, Oklahoma began serving as the Area Director for the Oklahoma City Area of the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency in the Department of Health and Human Services, on November 29, 2004.

As Director for the Oklahoma City Area, Mr. Daugherty is responsible for a comprehensive health program, serving the largest IHS service population in the United States, extending health care to more than 300,000 American Indian patients in Oklahoma, Kansas, and portions of Texas and southern Nebraska. These health services are provided through a network of 7 hospitals and 42 outpatient health centers administered through both Federal and Tribal health delivery systems, as well as providing support to 4 Urban Indian programs located in Wichita, Kansas; Dallas, Texas; and Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Mr. Daugherty began his career with the IHS in 1979 as Facility Director for the Miami Indian Health Center. Under his leadership, in 1981 the Miami Indian Health Center was the first Indian Health Center in the Oklahoma Area to receive JCAHO accreditation. In June 1989 he was selected as the Assistant Hospital Administrative Officer for the Claremore Indian Hospital and in 1990 was promoted to the position of Hospital Administrative Officer. He subsequently served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Claremore Indian Hospital from 1993 to 2002. Mr. Daugherty held the position of Associate Area Director for Field Operations and Managed Care prior to becoming the Area Director.

Prior to his work with the IHS, Mr. Daugherty he served as Executive Director for the American Coalition of Tulsa. The Coalition, which served as a liaison between the City of Tulsa and the Indian community, provided social services to Indians residing within the Tulsa, Oklahoma area. During this time period, the Coalition was the only Native American organization to have a National Indian Child Abuse and Neglect Resource Center, an important health resource for the community.

During his career with the IHS, Mr. Daugherty has served on many Area and National workgroups. They include the Administrative Sub-Workgroup for the Indian Health Design Team, Business Office Development Team, Government Performance Results Act Team, Contract Health Appeals Workgroup, Executive Leadership Development Program Advisory Group, and the Public Health Workgroup. In 1998, Mr. Daugherty was elected as the Chairman of the IHS National Council of Service Unit Directors (NCSUD). Mr. Daugherty also served as the Oklahoma representative to the National Council of Service Unit Directors and was elected as Chairman of this national council for 1998. As Chair of the NCSUD, Mr. Daugherty was a member of the Executive Leadership Group of the IHS, a decision-making body of the Agency for broad issues of policy, programs, and public health advocacy issues.

Mr. Daugherty has received Excellent and Outstanding Work Performance ratings throughout his IHS career, including the Area Directors Excellent in Service Award, Managerial Excellence Award from the National Council of Service Unit Directors, and numerous awards and recognition from Tribes in the Oklahoma Area.

Mr. Daugherty earned bachelor of science and bachelor of arts degrees in business administration and social science (Indian studies) from Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, in 1976. He also studied Ambulatory Health Administration through the University of Minnesota Independent Study Program. He also completed the Executive Leadership Development Program and numerous leadership courses throughout his IHS career. Mr. Daugherty and his wife reside in Edmond, Oklahoma.